

SUBCOMMITTEE: PRE-K-12

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Kory)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6, relating to certain school board employees; online mental health awareness training required.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6 as follows:****§ 22.1-298.6. Online mental health awareness training.**

A. The Department of Education shall adopt and implement policies that require each school board employee deemed to be in need of such training by the relevant school board to complete an online mental health awareness training program at least one time.

B. The Department of Education shall provide to each school board employee identified in accordance with subsection A the online mental health awareness training and may contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a community services board, a behavioral health authority, a nonprofit organization experienced in behavioral health and teen suicide prevention, or a certified trainer as defined in § 37.2-312.2 to provide such training.

C. Any teacher, school counselor, school athletic team coach, or school activity supervisor that completes a mental health training module as provided by the local school division will have met the requirements of subsection A.

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